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T H O M A S and S A L L Y,

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How T H O M A S was by the wicked instigation of a country Justice, falsely accused of a Robbery, for which ne was tried, and Transported.

Giving an exact account of all the Hardships he suffered whilst abroad ; and the strange adventure that brought them together in Spain where after inexpressible Joy, they were in a few days happily Married.



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THE heroine of this history, was the daughter of an eminent inn-keeper in the town of Bridgewater in Somersetshire, who was reputed to be very rich ; as Sally was their only child, they took no small pains to bring her up and give her a genteel education ; as she grew in years, so did she in beauty and accomplishments, so that when she arrived at the age of fourteen, she was the delight of all that beheld her, and all the country lasses of this famous town were almost distracted to find themselves deserted by their sweethearts, for the young men could talk of nothing else but Sally Johnson.

There happened to live near her father's Inn, a young man whose name was Thomas Trueman, who was beloved by all who knew him, for his good temper, and readiness to oblige the fair sex ; he was a very personal young man, and possessed a great share of good sense, he was come of a very good family but his parents, dying when he was very young, he was left to the care of an old farmer, who brought him up, but he knew he had nothing to depend upon but his work, he used to make him go to plough, and do such work as is

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common at farm houses. This young man was deeply enamoured with Sally, and she entertained a great regard for him, but he durst not reveal his passion, as Sally was reported to have a fortune; Squire Wealthy that kept the great white house upon the hill, and who was justice of the peace, used often to visit Mr. Johnson's and when he was merry used to laugh and joke with Sally and call her his second.

Mr. Johnson was a very artful man, and perceiving the justice was smitten with Sally's charms, was determined to leave nothing undone to bring it about that he should marry her; to do which he contrived to let them be together as much as possible, and was always praising Sally whenever he came.

When things had gone on so for some time, and the father saw he was thoroughly in love with her, he suddenly gave orders that she should be sent five miles off.

When the justice came again and inquired for Sally, he was told she was gone into the country, he asked where, but the servant told him that he had strict orders not to tell him. This greatly enraged him, and he sent for her father, and when he came, he asked him what he meant by sending his daughter away from him.

The cunning father began by begging his pardon, but said his daughter's virtue was more to him than all the riches in the world. The justice asked him what he meant by that, as he had never attempted it; the father replied he did not think he had, but that some folks had been so wicked as to say there must be something bad between them, as they were sure that so great a gentleman would never stoop to marry one so much beneath him as Sally.

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The justice desired to know who those folks were, as he would send them to prison instantly. This Mr. Johnson desired to be excused from, and the justice finding he could not live without her, told him, he need not be uneasy about it, for if she was a good girl he would put it out of their power to say any thing against her, for he would make her his wife.

This declaration of the justice filled his heart with inexpressible joy. he told the squire that he did him a great honor, and that he would send for his daughter home again directly; so he instantly sent a messenger to Sally, to come home, for he had got a husband for her.

Poor Sally who had done nothing but grieve all the time she had been absent from her dear Thomas, and began to feel that she had a friendship softer than she at first imagined, she was greatly surprised at this news, but as people are very apt to flatter themselves in having their wishes answered, began to think Thomas had declared his passion to her father.

With these thoughts she proceeds towards home, with rather more haste than she would have done had she known the truth. When she arrived at her father's house. he told her to go into the parlour, as her lover was there a waiting for her, but judge her surprise when she found only the justice, he was waiting with great impatience for the few days she had been gone seemed to him like so many years.

As soon as she came in, he ran to her, and catching her in his arms almost stifled her, and gave her two or three such hearty snacks as might have been heard quarter of a mile off; as soon as she could disengage herself, she begged him to let her alone, for she came

to speak to some body that was waiting for her. That person was me, my dear chamber, said the justice, I always love you, and now I am determined to make you my wife; it is impossible to describe Sally's grief and surprise at hearing this; two of the most powerful passions, love and hatred, both struggled in her bosom, she fainted away on the floor, the servants were called in, who took her up and carried her to bed, and all possible means used for her recovery.

As soon as she came to herself, she began to reflect upon what had happened, and could scarcely believe but that it was a dream, but she soon recollected that it was too true; she then began to consider what she should do; she knew she ought to do as her parents would have her, besides such an advantageous offer as the squire there was very few would reject, but her love for Thomas was so great, that she could not easily get over it; she could not easily tell what to do: while she was ruminating, her father sent word if she was better he desired that she would come down, as he wanted to speak with her.

When she came down the old dotard came to her, and kissing her said, my dear I'm glad to see you better, I know such good news was too much for your spirits, but your father and I have agreed for the happy day to be this day sevensnight, when I hope you'll prepare yourself for it.

Poor Sally was unable to answer, but resigned herself to her fate, though her heart was in the most violent agitation; in the mean time Sally's good fortune got wind and began to be talked of about the town, till at last it reached Thomas's ears, but the news was like daggers to him, he was quite incapable of work, and
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was almost ready to challenge the justice, but after he had reflected a little, he determined to write to her to know the truth of it, he accordingly wrote her the following letter.

My dear Sally,

THE news I have just heard, has distressed me to the greatest degree, my only comfort is to hope that it is only a tale ; I beg if ever you had the least regard for me, you will meet me this evening by the side of the river. I remain with the greatest sincerity,
your afflicted lover,
THOMAS TRUEMAN.

This letter was delivered to Sally by a young lad who lived in the same house with Thomas. Sally at first had a great mind not to meet him, for fear her father should find it out, but thinking he might make himself away, she sent him word she would come.

They waited with the greatest anxiety till the time came, she then slipped out at the back door and when she arrived at the water side, she saw him walking backwards and forwards like one distracted, as soon as he saw her he would have run to her, but was seized with such a trembling he was ready to fall, Sally was not much better, however, when they came to themselves, Thomas asked her if what he had heard was true, she replied but too true, poor Thomas, though he was ready to expire with grief, was not a little pleased to find Sally not content with her fate, being afraid she would.

They said the most moving things to comfort each other

other, Sally beg'd of Thomas to moderate his grief, for though being forced to marry the justice, she would always esteem him, and assured him, she would rather be his wife, and dwell in a clay cottage, than be mistress of that fine house and ride in a coach; Thomas told her he wished her happy, and desired her to forget that there was such a person as himself in the world, but said for his part he would bid adieu to old England, for he never more could take pleasure in it.

The two lovers kept talking in this manner till the sun began to set; Sally was afraid she should be missed so with an hundred tender expressions the lovers took leave of each other, but Thomas made Sally promise to meet him the next evening at the same place to take their last farewell of each other.

When Sally had got home, she found her old lover expecting her, who began to be very fond, but Sally whose mind was filled with the image of the person she had just left, could hardly behave with common civility to him, and instead of returning his love, shewed such signs of aversion, that the old man began to think that Sally was not so much pleased with his passion as he could wish, he then began to wonder where she could have been that afternoon, as none of the family knew where she was gone, these thoughts made him very serious the rest of the night.

When he got home he communicated his suspicions to his man, who told him his conjecture was very likely, upon this they agreed, that Patrick, the man, should watch her if she took any more walks. Poor Thomas and Sally never closed their eyes that night, and the next evening as soon as the sun began to go down, Sally slipped out the same as before mentioned, and

and met her disconsolate lover, the most tender discourse passed between them that can be imagined, Thomas used such moving expressions, that Sally determined never to marry the squire let the consequence be ever so.

When they had promised eternal constancy to each other they parted, but little did they think that they had been observed, for the justice, as I said before, had ordered his man to watch Sally, and as soon as he saw her go out he followed her at a distance, and saw them meet together, but as he could not hear what they said at that distance, so he could only say that he saw them.

That was sufficient, and made the justice very angry, he had a good mind to tell her father, but restrained himself, and asked his man if he knew the young fellow, Patrick said he was not sure, but he believed it was Farmer William's man; the justice ordered him to make inquiry and he'd make him a handsome present, which Patrick promised to perform.

The justice, (though he was not angry with her) could not help looking rather cool at Sally, and sometimes giving hints that she was not true to him.

He waited with the greatest impatience till he found who his rival was, at last Patrick, who had not been idle, informed him that it was Thomas; the justice was ready to burst with rage, that she should prefer one that had not a farthing, before him; but he was resolved to make him pay dear for it, though not desirous to hurt her.

He accordingly made Patrick a present of a guinea for what he had done, and promised him, if he could

think of any thing to get Thomas out of the way, he would give him twenty more; Patrick promised he would; accordingly the next night farmer Green's house was broke open and robb'd of a great deal of plate and other valuable things. The farmer went directly to the justice, who ordered diligent search to be made after the the thieves, but without any effect for some time.

At last an ill looking fellow came and inquired for the justice, and being had into his presence, he told him he had something of great consequence to acquaint to him, if he'd make him an evidence; the justice promised him he would.

He then informed him that he and Thomas True-man were the persons that broke open Farmer Green's house; the justice affected a great surprise that Thomas should be concerned in it, though he believed it was Patrick's base design, that he had hired this fellow in order to get Thomas apprehended and taken to Goal, which was done directly.

As soon as he was sent away, the justice with a malicious pleasure went to Mr. Johnson's to tell him the news, but no sooner had Sally heard of the trouble Thomas was in (though she had no reason to doubt of his innocence) she fell into such convulsion fits, that her life was in danger, and they was afraid that the next day instead of her wedding day, (as it was to have been) would have been her death-day; she continued very bad for some time, and in the mean while I shall give you an account of Thomas.

The Assizes happened the next week, and when Thomas's trial came on there was nobody to appear against
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but the fellow and Patrick, who declared to have seen him watching about the door the night the robbery was committed.

The judge upon hearing this sentenced him to be hang'd, but on some of the neighbouring people interceding for him, the judge before he left the town, reprov'd him for transportation; he was accordingly sent on board a ship, and the next day she sailed for Virginia where we must leave him and return to Sally.

She continued very ill for some time, at last being recovered, the first thing she inquired after was her dear Thomas, they told her what had happened to him, at which she was ready to go distracted, but at last she compos'd herself and resolv'd to resign herself to the will of that wise and benevolent Being that knows what is best for us.

When the justice found that she was got better, he began to renew his courtship, but she guessing that he had been the means of her dear lover's disgrace, could not endure the sight of him, and not being able to live in a place where she had spent so many happy hours in her dear Thomas's company, she resolv'd to go to London. She accordingly ask'd her parents consent to let her go, but they refus'd her, saying, they had nobody in London. But it did not signify, she was determin'd to go, so getting up early one morning (she having got her cloaths pack'd up the night before) set off for London by herself,

She met with nothing material on the road, but after she had walk'd about twenty miles, she overtook the Bristol waggon, and agreeing with the driver, she rode the rest of the way: when she arriv'd in London, the first thing she did was to inquire for an old school-fellow,

fellow, who was married, and kept a tobacconist's shop in the city. This person had been left an orphan, and must have gone to the parish if it had not been for Sally's father and mother who took her and brought her up and at last got her a place where her young master fell in love with her, and now kept a very capital shop in the city.

When Sally came to the house she inquired for her friend, the servant went into the parlour, and immediately returned with her mistress along with her. Sally at first did not know her, nor the lady her, till she asked her business, she immediately knew her voice, and Sally had some difficulty to make her understand who she was, but when she had the lady desired her to walk into the parlour and seemed very glad to see her; Sally was surprised at the grandeur she saw about her, could not help sighing to herself to think how fortunate her friend had been.

She asked her many questions about her relations in the country, and what was the occasion of her coming to town; Sally seeing her so friendly (as she thought) told her the whole truth, Mrs. Bartlet (for that was her name) heard her with great attention; when she had finished her story, she looked at Mrs. Bartlet, but was greatly surprised to see her look so grave, and remain silent for some time.

Sally pressed her to advise her in her affairs: after some time, with an air of consequence and pride she said Sally, I am very sorry for your misfortunes, but can't help thinking you are very foolish to leave such a good father and mother as you have got, and lose such a good opportunity of making your fortune; what signifies whether you loved the justice or no, I think it was a
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very fine thing for such a girl as you, to have such an offer, and I think you was very much to blame to fight him for such a fellow, who I dare say deserved his fate ; for my part I would willingly assist you if it lay in my power, but I have got a young family to provide for and can't do it, but you are welcome to a nights lodging and here's two shillings for you, and would advise you to go home again to your friends and ask their pardon.

This cutting speech of Mrs. Bartlet went to the heart of Sally, and after thanking her, she retired and went to bed, and tho' she was so fatigued, she had but very little rest that night, and next morning before the family was up she went away.

She walked about for some time, and was surprised at the splendor and gaitty she saw, which though she was very uneasy diverted her a little, after she had walked about a good while not knowing where to go, she saw a bill in a window for lodgings to lett ; so knocked at the door and asked for the mistress, when she came, she asked her about the lodging, and being shewn a room agreed with her for it.

Poor Sally though she had seen so much trouble, knew but little of the world, and imagined as she could work very well at her needle, she could live very well in London, but was much surprised to find every thing so dear, and was much mistaken in regard to work, for where ever she asked for any, was told they had not enough for their own people.

She went almost all over the town, but being a stranger nobody would employ her, this was a great trouble to Sally she next tried to get a place, but she had nobody to give her a character ; in this distress she lived

till all her money she had was gone. She was then quite at a loss, but telling her landlady her grief, she advised her to part with some of her cloaths, till she could be fortunate enough to get some employment she took her advice, and beg'd the favor, of her to carry her some things to pledge, as she did not know where to go herself; she did so, but was wicked enough to keep half the money.

She went on in this manner till she had nothing left which was about six weeks, she did not then know what to do, she had not a penny, nor any cloaths, but what was upon her back, and owed her landlady two weeks rent.

One day her good landlady came up and seeing her sitting pensive on the bed, she asked her with an air of authority, what time she intended to pay her rent; as soon as I can get work to do madam, said Sally, that won't do for me, said the landlady, I must pay my rent, nobody will trust me, and I thank God I always had a principle to pay every one their own, and never run in any body's debt, and I think its quite base in you to take the room if you did not intend to pay for it.

Madam, said Sally, I am very sorry that it is not in my power to pay you, but when it is, you may depend upon it I will, I never wronged any body yet. This is not the thing said the landlady, it may never be in your power and then I shall lose my money, but I can't think how you can expect work if you don't go to seek it, what signifies sitting hear, it won't come to you, why don't you go and ask for some? I will, madam, said Sally, do so, said she, and be sure you bring home some money, or get another lodging.

So trying she went away : poor Sally was overwhelmed with grief, as she did not know where to go, she having been denied so often before she thought she must go or the old woman would say she did not try.

So she set out, but with a very heavy heart, and went to two or three places, but met with nearly the same answers as before. As she was coming by Spring Gardens, it being a very fine day, it came into her head to take a walk in the Park ; she walked up and down for some time, till being tired she sat down upon one of the seats to rest ; as she sat she began to reflect upon her situation, and what she had gone through, and what she had before her, and could not refrain from shedding a great many tears.

While she sat in a very pensive manner, not thinking any body observed her, a certain nobleman came by, and was struck with Sally's beauty and innocent look ; he walked several times by without being perceived by Sally, she being too deeply engaged in thought ; at last he came and sat himself down on the bench by her ; Sally was startled at seeing such a fine gentleman, and got up to go away, but he desired her not to be afraid of him as he would do her no injury, but desired she would tell him what concerned her so much, as he perhaps could help her.

Sally hesitated a little, but at last she thought that providence had sent him to relieve her, so told him all her distress. If that is all said the gentleman, and there is nothing of love in the case, I can easily remedy that ; If you will go with me I'll take care that you shall want for nothing. Oh ! Sir, said Sally, I beg you will

will not mention any such a thing to me for poor as I am I would not be guilty of such a wicked thing if you would make me the finest lady in the world.

Well, said the gentleman if you won't be made happy I can't help it let me know where you live and I will send you something; Sally not thinking any harm, told the Gentleman where she lived, so he took his leave, promising to send to her the next day.

As soon as she got home, her landlady met her open mouth, to know what success she had had. Sally told her every thing that had happened, when she had done, Oh you foolish girl, said Mrs. Jones, for that was her name, why did'nt you go with him; you would been made for ever. What, said Sally, in surprise would you have me gone with him and been ruined? Ruined! said Mrs. Jones, with a loud laugh, it was the only way to save you from uin, what do you think must become of you if you don't do some such thing but however, I'm glad you told him where you lived I hope he'll come and I would advise you to tell him you have considered of it and will accept his offer.

Sally was quite shocked at Mrs Jones's discourse, but resigned herself to providence. The next day the gentleman came, Sally desired the landlady to stay in the room, but she withdrew, as soon as he came in, he began to be sweet upon Sally, and said such things as made her blush, and taking out a purse, in which was fifty guineas, and told her all that should be her's if she would but be kind to him, and make him happy.

Sally beg'd him not to continue such discourse; for she was determined not to let guilt add to her misery; when the nobleman saw that she was not to be prevailed upon

upon, he rose up in a passion, and said he was sorry he had taken the trouble to come after such a foolish girl, that did not know her own interest, and flinging down half a guinea, went out of the room, and told her he should never come again.

Although the nobleman was vexed at the disappointment, yet he loved her the better, and resolved to try what a greater temptation would do.

He directly went to the goldsmiths and bought a fine pearl necklace, and a pair of diamond ear-rings, and the next day went to Sally, and with the most endearing expressions he appeared to present her with them, but she refused to accept of them, and told him positively that he need not give himself any more trouble for she would not be his mistress.

This impulse enrag'd him greatly and he went away much discontented, but still, her resistance only made him love her the better, and he resolved not to give it up, so he went to the landlady, and told her he'd make her a very handsome present if she would put Sally in his possession, which she promised to do, and the next day she told Sally that she had heard of a place for her.

Sally was pleased at this news, and got herself ready to go along with Mrs. Jones to see it. When they came an elderly gentlewoman hired her, and she got all her things ready and went the same night; she pleased her mistress very much and they agreed very well for some time, till one day her mistress told her to make herself as smart as she could, for she expected some company.

Sally did so, and as soon as she had got herself ready
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...saw of him, but judge her surprise when she saw the very nobleman that she thought she had made her escape from but just before he affected much surprise, but Sally's emotion was so great that she could not get over it for some time.

Some time after he was gone her mistress asked her the reason she blushed so every time she came into the room. Sally having no art in her, told her the whole truth; she heard her with great attention, and when she had done, she said, what could you desire better, I think you was very much to blame you did not accept of it: Oh! madam, said Sally, I have seen a great deal of trouble, and have been forced to part with every thing I have, but have still, and hope I ever shall preserve my innocence: her mistress only laugh'd at her, which proved she was now in no better hands than when with Mrs. Jones.

This made her very uneasy, and next day took an opportunity to give her Mistress warning, resolving to undergo any hardships rather than be exposed to such temptations, but her Mistress told her that she should not part with her so soon, and giving her some needle-work, ordered her to go up stairs into her chamber and do it.

She did so, and every meal time her mistress lent up her victuals, and never suffered her to come down, so that she could not tell the meaning of it, but one day she took the liberty to go down stairs, but her mistress no sooner saw her than she fell in a great passion, and asked her what business she had down stairs, and bid her get up again, she went up after her and locked her in.

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Sally was at a loss to know the meaning; she was kept a prisoner for about a fortnight, but one night as she was going to bed, her mistress came up to her, and told her that she must let a gentlewoman's maid sleep with her, as it rained and she could not go home. Sally said, yes to be sure madam, so presently the pretended young woman came up, but put out the candle as if by accident, Sally had no suspicion, but got into bed and presently the wicked wretch got into bed also, he had not been in long, (for it was no other than the wicked nobleman) began to behave in a very familiar manner.

Sally desired her to lay still or she would get up again, but instead of minding what she said, she began to behave worse, and speaking at the same time, she discovered the villany; poor Sally was almost distracted and screamed out as loud as ever she could, but nobody came to her assistance, at last she catched hold of him by the throat and almost choaked him, which made him let her go and cry for quarters,

She immediately jumped out of bed, and running into the other room, threw open the window, and cried out murder, as loud as ever she could, the neighbours were alarmed, and the watchmen immediately broke open the door, and came and took poor Sally into a house just by.

She was some time before she could speak, but as soon as she could, she gave them an account how she had been treated, they searched the house, but the lady and gentleman had made their escape; Sally having heard his name, told them, and they advised her to prosecute him, and one of the neighbours being a rich man

man told her, as she could not afford it, he would be at the expence. The nobleman hearing that Sally intended to prosecute him went to her, and told her, if she would stop the prosecution, he'd make her a present of a thousand pounds.

She thought it was better to take it and let the affair drop; he gave her a thousand pound note, and so the affair was settled.

She now thought herself as rich as a little queen, but not having much experience, she was at a loss to lay it out; however, she bought herself some good cloaths, and put the rest out to interest, she then sent a letter to her parents, and a handsome present.

When she had been in this situation about a month, she saw an advertisement for a young person of good character and education, to wait upon a lady on her travels, she answered it, and was hired, and the lady and she set off next week.

They went first to Paris, and so on to Spain, and were so well pleased with the city of Madrid, that they resolved to stop some time, where we shall leave them and give an account of Thomas.

As soon as he was put on board of ship, they put him under hatches, strongly iron'd, which was not so much grief to him as the thoughts of being accused wrongfully and so fear his dear Sally should think him guilty; they proceeded with a fair wind, and soon arrived at Virginia, and were sold to different planters.

It happened that Thomas was sold to a rich planter, who was a very humane man; at first he used Thomas like a slave, but seeing he had something about him better than the rest, he asked him how he, that had seemingly

seemingly, been well brought up, could be guilty of a crime to bring him there.

Thomas took courage and told him the whole affair he said it was a sad thing ; and from that time his master appeared every day more friendly, and in a little time took him to be his clerk, and in that station he behaved with such care and fidelity, that gave his master such satisfaction that in less than three months he took him into partnership.

Thomas's good fortune did not stop here, for soon after Mr. Goodman was seized with a violent fever and died, he being a bachelor, and having a great regard for Thomas, he left him all his plantations and slaves, with forty thousand pounds.

Thomas would now have been completely happy, had it not been for the thoughts of his dear Sally, that was never out of his mind he resolved to sell his plantations and slaves, and go to England and try if he could find her.

While Thomas was in partnership with Mr. Goodman, he contracted an acquaintance with a young gentleman, a native of England, he came over on account of his sweetheart, who had married another ; this gentleman and Thomas were like two brothers, and as soon as Thomas had told him of his intention of going to England, he said he would go with him, but Thomas had been so hasty that he had not considered that if he went to England before the expiration of the time he was in danger of being hanged.

He told his friend his fears, who was at a loss for some time, at last he told him he had thought of something he believed would do. He said that his father
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who was a General, and resided at Gibraltar, and that he dare say if they were to go to him, he could get him a pardon by writing to some of the nobility. Thomas was very much pleased with this proposal, and accordingly they took shipping, after Thomas had settled his affairs, and arrived safe at Gibraltar.

When they came to the house, young Mr. Smith then related Thomas's story to him, and said it was a very sad affair, and he dare say he'd been greatly wrong'd, but he would try what he could do for the young gentleman was like a sister of his, that brought tears into his eyes as soon as he looked at him.

Thomas for his part had taken such a liking to Mr. Smith, that he felt as great an affection for him as if he had been his father; the old gentleman then retired and then wrote a very moving letter to the secretaries of state, setting forth the hardships he had undergone, and being so innocent, and desired them to intercede for him with his Majesty; when he had finished his letter, he sealed it and sent it away directly.

While they was at supper, Mr. Smith looking at Thomas, repeated how much he was like his sister. He then told his story, and that she died when she was but twenty, in laying-in of a boy, this startled Thomas and Mr. Smith asked him what was the cause, he said it was like his own mother, who died just at that age, and of laying-in of him. The old gentleman very much surprised asked him what countrywoman she was Thomas told him Bristol; the old gentleman cried with great astonishment, Why you are my nephew! and then sunk down, all the company being very much surprised.

surprised, and as soon as Mr. Smith recovered he embraced Thomas very tenderly.

The whole company joined in their joy, and nothing was seen but rejoicing for some time. Where we will leave them and return to Sally.

They continued some time at Madrid, and seeing every thing worth seeing, she took it in her head to visit her brother at Gibraltar, so they set out for that place, and soon arrived, he was greatly surprised to see her; and desired them both to walk up stairs into the dining room judge Sally's pleasing astonishment, when the first person she saw was her dear Thomas; she would have spoke, but the agitation of her mind prevented her, and she fell on the floor. Thomas ran to help the lady up, His feelings can't be describ'd when he found it was Sally, he stood motionless for some time, at last they brought her to herself, when they ran to each other and embraced in the most tender manner, old Mr. Smith and the lady desired to know what it all meant; when they related their adventures to them, the company wished them joy, particularly Thomas of his uncle and aunt.

Thomas and Sally were married the next day amidst the acclamations of a great many spectators, who came far and near; when they had been married three days, old Mr. Smith received an answer from the nobleman he wrote to, acquainting him that he had got Thomas's pardon; and in a few days they took their leave, and soon arrived safe in England.

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